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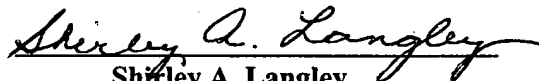
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This is in response to the first Office Action of May 8, 2002 which rejected most of the claims for indefiniteness under the second paragraph of §112 and rejected all the claims under §103 in view of various combinations of the applied prior art references.